

**Abstract Of The Invention**

A software tool and method are provided for performing a setup operation in a computer system. The software tool comprises a setup component adapted to sense an attribute associated with the computer system and to selectively provide one of standard prompting and special prompting to a user according to the attribute, and a user interface component adapted to render a plurality of setup prompts to a user and to obtain at least one setup parameter. The invention advantageously provides for customized user prompting according to the system attribute whereby one or more prompt screens may be suppressed and default setup parameters used where the attribute indicates that the prompt screens are unnecessary. Moreover, one or more additional prompt screens may be rendered to the user according to the attribute.